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Claim Amendments

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Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (currently amended) A cheek, lip and tongue shield comprising:
 - a handle having a first and second end, the first end for gripping;
 - a substantially flat first shield having an anterior end, a posterior end, and an inferior border, the anterior end transitioning from the handle second end;
 - a non-hinging transverse member having a first end, a second end, and an inferior border, the first end transitioning from the first shield posterior end; and
 - a second shield having an anterior end, a posterior end, and an inferior border, the posterior end transitioning from the transverse member second end;
 - wherein the transverse member inferior border does not extend as far inferiorly as the first and second shield inferior borders, the first shield passively isolates the cheek and lip from an operative site, and the second shield passively isolates the tongue from the operative site, at least one of a shield superior border selected from the group consisting of a first and second shield superior border is located below an occlusal table and the transverse member is positioned to cross an alveolar ridge.
- (currently amended) The cheek, lip and tongue shield of claim [[1]] 27 wherein the component parts are fabricated from a material that may be sterilized.
- 3. (currently amended) The cheek, lip and tongue shield of claim [[1]] 27 wherein the first and second shield are highly polished to provide a reflective surface.